

**Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the SID Public Services Association to provide matching dollars for foods stamps redeemed at participating farmers markets (Community Partnerships) (\$10,000)**

**WHEREAS,** In Franklin County, 17.7% of Franklin County residents and an astounding 22.3% of children are food insecure, meaning they have limited or uncertain access to nutritionally adequate and safe foods or cannot acquire these foods in socially acceptable ways; and

**WHEREAS,** Poor food access is a major contributor to health disparities, disproportionately high rates of disease and other health problems among low income communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost of fresh produce is a significant, if not the most significant, barrier for individuals trying to access healthy foods; and

**WHEREAS,** The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), historically known as the Food Stamp Program, is a federal program that provides support to low income families so they can prioritize a healthier, more consistent diet without compromising as much on rent, utilities, transportation, and basic needs; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2014 with County support, the Special Improvement District (SID) inaugurated Veggie SNAPS whereby EBT transactions at participating farmers markets were matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10 for the purchase of fruits and vegetables at six participating farmers markets; and

**WHEREAS,** Support of this enhanced EBT program is consistent with resolution 809-13 adopted by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners October 22, 2013 affirming the importance of a strong and resilient local food system, which states in part that food is a basic human need and that all residents of Franklin County should have access to nutritious, affordable food that is locally and sustainably grown; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Commissioners wishes to support Enhanced EBT Card program, as authorized under Section 307.85 of the Ohio Revised Code.; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached contract for services with SID Public Services Association for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, are hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

Cc: Auditor  
SID Public Services Association